Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs).

Statement

Physical and Financial Targets and Achievement under Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme in Andhra Pradesh during Ninth Plan

	Financial (Rs. in lakhs)			Physical (area in Ha.)	
Year	Outlay	Released	Utilised	Target	Ach.
1997-98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0
1998-99	164.11	143.51	104.16	4026	0
1999-2000	158.11	149.65	198.60	2910	4155
2000-01	319.86	246.55	281.49	2635	5078
2001-02	486.82	228.20	206.70	4755	3693
TOTAL:	1128.90	767.91	790.95	14326	12926

Basic facilities at Delhi Zoo

344. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in "The Asian Age" dated the 6th June, 2002, highlighting the paucity of basic facilities of cold drinking water, cafeterias, guides and transport to move about, in the Delhi Zoo;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to improve the situation; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) National Zoological Park is the only place in Delhi where the visitors can have communion with nature. Walking on foot

around zoo facilitates this process. Battery operated trolleys are available to facilitate children and infirm people to go around the park. For supply of drinking water several water taps have been provided. Water coolers have also been fixed at four places. Ministry of Environment And Forests does not encourage eating houses and cafeterias inside the zoo because of the fact that in past there have been deaths of animals due to consumption of half eaten food in polythene bags. However, one cafeteria has been allowed inside the zoo. Also, apart from a Zoo Canteen, there are several cold drinks and tea shops outside the gate of the zoo. Trained guides are available in the zoo to take the visitors around.

Project Elephant Reserves

345. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) How many Project Elephant Reserves have been set up in Orissa and elsewhere in the country giving the details separately;

(b) the number of Project Elephant Reserves proposed to be set up in 2002-2003, alongwith their locations; and

(c) the amount sanctioned to Orissa for Elephant Project during the last five years and the amount released and unspent?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Nine Elephant Reserves have so far been notified by the State Governments. Of these, two are in Orissa, *viz.* Mayurbhanj and Sambalpur. The remaining seven Elephant Reserves are: Singhbhum (Jharkhand), Garo Hills (Meghalaya), Kameng (Arunachal Pradesh) and Wayanaad, Nilambur, Anamudi and Periyar (Kerala).

(b) State Governments have been advised to set up the following Elephant Reserves during 2002-2003; Andhra Pradesh-1, Arunachal Pradesh-1, Assam-4, Karnataka-1, Nagaland-1, Orissa-1, Tamil Nadu-4, Uttranchal-1, and West Bengal-2.

(c) The Central Assistance released under Project Elephant and unspent balance with the State Government during the last 5 financial years is as follows: